decided to establish a regulatory framework to oversee the functioning of and enforcing a competitive framework in the Hydrocarbon Sector. Various aspects of regulation in respect of the upstream, downstream and natural gas sectors have not been finalised as yet.

(c) and (d) Pursuant to the Government decision of November, 1997, to dismantle administered pricing mechanism (APM) in phases, the system of retention pricing has been abolished for all (existing and new) refineries. As per the decision, Consumer prices of all petroleum products have been decontrolled except motor spirit, high speed diesel, aviation turbine fuel, kerosene (PDS) and liquified petroleum gas (domestic). The prices of high speed diesel are required to be fixed on import parity basis up-to ex-storage point level and pricing of other controlled products is to be moved towards import parity.

Petrol and LPG Distributorship to the Families of Kargil Victims in Himachal Pradesh

875. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the family members of those killed in Kargil war from Himachal Pradesh allotted gas agencies, petrol pumps etc. till date with their full details, names etc. and the locations where such agencies have been allotted in each case; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Defence have so far recommended the names of 34 widows/next of kin of the Defence personnel, killed in "Operation Vijay' in Kargil, belonging to Himachal Pradesh for allotment of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships under the Special Scheme. The Government have already approved allotments in respect of 21 persons, the details of which are given in the statement (*See* below).

A decision in the remaining cases will be taken on the basis of the feasibility surveys of the locations made by the oil companies.

Statement

List of allotments of Retail Outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships to widows/next of kin of the Defence personnel, belonging to Himachal Pradesh, killed in "Operation Vijay' approved by the Government.

Sl. No.	Name of the widow/next of kin and relationship	Name of the martyr	Retail Outlet dealership (RO)/LPG Distributor-ship (LPG)	Location
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Smt. Kamlesh Devi, mother	GDR Yoginder Singh	LPG	Jawalamukh
2.	Sh. G.L. Batra, father	Capt. Vikram Batra	RO	Palampur
3.	Smt. Kanta Devi, wife	NK Sarwan Kumar	LPG	Riwalsar
4.	Smt. Satya Devi, mother	GDR Naresh Kumar	RO	Mandi
5.	Smt. Nirmala Devi, wife	HAV Udham Sinh	LPG	Saktolai,
6.	Smt. Kanta Devi, wife	RFN Deep Chand	RO	Jahoo
7.	Smt. Sheela Devi, mother	SEP Dharmender Singh	RO	Gumarwin,
8.	Smt. Meilo Devi, wife	RFN Kulvinder Singh	LPG	Dadahu
9.	Smt. Seema Devi, wife	NK Braham Dass	LPG	Palampur
10.	Smt. Vijay Kalia, mother	Capt. Saurabh Kalia	LPG	Pancharukhi
11.	Smt. Ishre Devi, mother	GDR Surjeet Singh	LPG	Hamirpur
12.	Smt. Santosh Kumari, mother	GDR Bajinder Singh	RO	Dehra
13.	Smt. Parmila Kumari, wife	RFN Vijay Pal	LPG	Ghumarwin
14.	Sh. Om Prakash, father	RFN Manohar Lal	RO	AMB

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Smt. Raksha, wife	HAV Raj Kumar	LPG	Jhandutta
16.	Smt. Promila Devi, wife	N/SUB Khem Chand	RO	Dhrampur
17.	Shri Nand Ram, father	RFN Shyam Singh	LPG	Chopal
18.	Smt. Sudershana Devi, wife	RFN Rakesh Kumar	LPG	Indora
19.	Smt. Shanti Devi, mother	RFN Ashok Kumar	LPG	Fatehpur
20.	Smt. Dhani Devi, wife	HAV Krishan Chand	LPG	Chelchowk
21.	Smt. Kiran Kumari, wife	RFN Parveen Kumar	RO	Tehliwal

Reservation for Women in Allotment of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies

†876. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to provide reservation to women in allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) As per the existing **policy guidelines for** selection of dealers/ distributors of petroleum products, 33% dealerships/distributorships in each category are reserved for women belonging to that category. Other things being equal, widows and unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents are given priority over others in all categories.

Inter-State Sale of Furnace Oil/LDO

877. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently all oil companies have decided not to affect inter-State sale of furnace Oil/LDO at concessional rate of Central Sale Tax;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.